Ban on Tobacco Advertisements

496. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a draft to ban tobacco advertisments; and

(b) whether Government are aware that the vested interest have launced a big campaign to defeat this move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) It has been decided to enact a comprehensive legislation *inter-alia* providing for a ban on tobacco advertisments. Representations have been received against the proposal on the ground that the proposed legislation will affect tobacco farmers and beedi workers.

Revision of Pay Scale of UDCs

497. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 349 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1995 and state:

(a) how many sittings were held by the Board of Arbitration with the staff side and official side for disposal of the case of revision of pay scale of UDCs during the period from May, 1995 till date after furnishing the necessary documents to the Board by Government;

(b) if so, the issues dicussed in the sittings and outcomes thereof; and

(c) the effective measures taken by Government to expedite the matter in the interest of Central Secretariat Clerical Service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) After May, 1995, only one sitting in the matter has been held by the Board of Arbitration on 14.6.95. On that date, the Staff Side representative sought permission from the Board of Arbitration to produce some additional documents, and the Board allowed them to do so within six weeks.

(c) The Board will fix the new date for further hearing. Further action in the matter will be taken by the Government on receipt of the Award of the Board.

Human habitation Around Taps

498. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) have allowed human habitations to exit within the exclusion zone around the facility;

(b) if so, what specific safety measures have been adopted for them; and

(c) if not, how they are allowed to live in the exclusion zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) have not allowed any habitation within the exclusion zone of 1.6 Km radius around TAPS.